

INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER CONTRACT PROSPECTUS

Stewardship Contract Name : Benzer Stwd National Forest : Okanogan-Wenatchee Bidding Method : Sealed Bid Location to Receive Offers : Supervisor's Office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Date : 08/22/2016	Type of Contract : Scaled Ranger District : Methow Valley Time : 04:30 PM
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1. INTRODUCTION. This prospectus furnishes prospective offerors with information not contained in the published advertisement and is designed to enable offerors to decide whether or not to further investigate this stewardship project. The prospectus is not a legally binding document, but is offered to provide general information about a Stewardship Contract. The prospectus does not include descriptions, estimates, and other data that are contained in the sample contract, unless otherwise stated. In the event that the prospectus contains an error or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Offerors are urged to examine the contract and make their own estimates. Contract 2400-13 will be used. Inspect the contract area and the sample contract before submitting an offer. Obtain the appraisal, other information on the contract and stewardship work items and conditions of offering at Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement.

This is a Stewardship End Results Contract authorized by 16 U.S.C. 2104 Note.

2. OFFERING. This is a Sealed Bid Stewardship Contract. Offerors must submit sealed offers on prepared forms they can obtain from Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. The forms include instructions for offering and submission of the required certifications and technical proposals. The term "offer form" in this prospectus is the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. Also, the term "offeror" in this prospectus is identified as "offeror" in the Bid for Integrated Resource Contract form. **THE OFFERS WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY OPENED.**

The offeror is required to submit a technical and price proposal and comply with all other provisions stated on the offer form. The proposal should be practical and be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Contractor's ability to meet the requirements of the contract. Upon contract award, this technical proposal will become a binding part of the contract. See Section 21, General for instructions for preparation of technical proposals and evaluation factors for award.

3. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE TIMBER. Refer to the sample contract and contract area map attached to the sample contract for legal location of contract area, location of subdivisions, location of cutting units, the acreage of contract area, the cutting unit acreage and location of stewardship work activities.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL LOCATION, ROUTES OF ACCESS, ACREAGES, AND OTHER SPECIAL LOCATION DATA DO NOT SUPERSEDE THE CONTRACT AREA MAP OR SAMPLE CONTRACT.

From the Methow Valley Ranger Station head west 0.1 miles towards W. Chewuch Road. Turn left onto W. Chewuch Road for 0.2 miles. Turn left onto WA-20E. Stay on WA-20 E for approximately 21.7 miles then turn south (right) onto the FS-4100000 road. Follow FS-4100000 for approximately 0.8 miles to the Contract Area.

4. QUANTITIES AND RATES. The quality, size, cut per acre, and product suitability of the timber are estimates based on detailed cruise information on file and available for inspection at the Forest Service offices listed above and in the advertisement. VOLUME QUANTITIES LISTED HEREIN ARE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT VALUES SHOWN ARE FOREST SERVICE ESTIMATES AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED. For these reasons, offerors are urged to examine the contract area and make their own estimates.

Road Construction Costs. The estimated road construction cost has been included in the appraisal as a cost that the Contractor will incur. The Contractor will be responsible for the road construction cost and WILL NOT receive credit towards stumpage costs for this expense, i.e., THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT INCLUDE STEWARDSHIP CREDIT for the construction of specified roads and Contractors should consider the cost of specified road construction when developing their offers.

THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID RATE FOR THE MANDATORY TIMBER CUTTING UNITS IS STATED IN THE ATTACHED OFFER FORM. THESE RATES ARE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISEMENT.

Mandatory Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

				Rates Per Unit of Measure			
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Mandatory Timber Cutting Units :							
Douglas-fir and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	46,835.00	\$1.51	\$3.52	\$0.84	\$0.31
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	14,874.00	\$1.51	\$3.52	\$0.84	\$0.31
	TOTAL	Ton	61,709.00			\$51,835.56	\$19,129.79

Optional Estimated Quantities and Rates per Unit of Measure

				Rates Per Unit of Measure			
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Base Rate	Advertised Rate	Additional Deposits for Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Not Applicable							

Total Value Bidding:

Prospective Contractors must submit bids for the timber portion of the contract in terms of the minimum acceptable total contract value. The Bid for Integrated Resource Contract (FS-2400-14BV) states minimum acceptable bid rates and estimated quantities of timber, together with the minimum acceptable total timber value. The advertised minimum acceptable total timber value is only for the biddable species, as listed on the offer form in the upper section of block 14. It does not include any non-biddable, fixed rate species listed in the middle section of block 14 titled "Only the Fixed Rate Applies." The offeror should enter the offer on the offer form only in terms of the total timber value. The Forest Service shall establish timber bid rates by species in the contract by multiplying each species' minimum acceptable bid rate by the bid increase percentage. Such rates will be rounded to the nearest cent. The bid increase percentage is the offeror's total timber value bid rate divided by the minimum acceptable total timber value. The total amount for stumpage is the volume of each biddable species multiplied by its bid rate, plus the volume of each fixed rate species multiplied by its fixed rate.

If the contract includes optional timber cutting units and offeror elects to bid on those units, bids for optional units are entered on the lower section of block 14. By entering bids for optional timber cutting units on the lower section of the offer form, offeror is agreeing to harvest the optional timber units. Procedures for distributing bid premium are as described in the previous paragraph and total timber value becomes the sum of mandatory and optional timber units.

Timber Subject to Agreement

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Fixed Rates	Slash Disposal Deposits	Road Maintenance Deposits
Softwood Other	Grn Blo Cv	Ton	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00

Estimated Knutson-Vandenberg deposit for contract area improvement work in a total amount of \$93,130.00 is included in total value.

All of the mandatory stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed. Optional stewardship work items, as shown in A.4.3 or AT.4.4 of the sample contract, shall be performed when authorized in writing by Contracting Officer. Such authorization may be for all or a portion of the quantity shown. Optional stewardship work items may be selected and authorized in any order. Upon written request of Contractor, additional stewardship work items shall be considered and authorized; however, Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items if three or more authorized optional stewardship work items or any of the mandatory stewardship work items remain uncompleted. Contracting Officer shall not be obligated to authorize additional stewardship work items at any time if Contracting Officer determines that there is insufficient value of remaining designated timber to cover the value of additional stewardship work items.

Stewardship Schedule of Work Items			
Item Number (a)	Work Activity Description (b)	Unit of Measure (c)	Estimated Quantity (d)
Mandatory Stewardship Work Items			
001	Pre-Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	2.20
002	Additional Marking to Meet Prescription	Acres	810.00
003	Machine Fireline Construction	Miles	1.70
Optional Stewardship Work Items			
004	Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	3.80
005	Noxious Weed Spraying	Acres	72.00
006	Aspen Restoration	Acres	6.00
007	Non-Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	1.63

5. PERIOD OF CONTRACT. The normal operating season covers the period between 06/01 and 10/31 and between 12/15 and 02/15.

Contract termination date is 10/31/2019. Extensions of this contract may be granted only when the contractor has met specified conditions.

Upon acceptance by the Forest Service, the technical proposal is a binding part of the contract and shall include, but is not limited to, plan periods for and methods of work activities. The Contractor must also submit an annual schedule of operations before commencing operations. This schedule will include the anticipated major activities and needs for harvest. This annual schedule of operations does not require concurrence of the Forest Service.

6. PAYMENT. Payment for timber and any required deposits for slash disposal or road maintenance are required in advance of cutting. Contractor may earn stewardship credits or provide an acceptable payment guarantee prior to cutting. "Stewardship Credits" are credits that are earned and established when work described in K(T)-G(T).9# of the sample contract has been performed and accepted. Stewardship Credits shall be earned at the offer rate as shown in the awarded contract. Earned Stewardship Credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits. Base Rates and Required Deposits must be paid in cash.

If an offeror elects to have the Forest Service construct specified roads, the contract shall provide for collection of not less than the full estimated cost of the roads stated in this prospectus, in addition to the current contract rate value and required deposits. Contract Form FS-2400-13 provides for collecting the estimated public works road construction cost as timber is scaled, at a rate accelerated on 80 percent of the estimated volume.

If offeror elects the road option, payment for right-of-way timber will be made in advance of cutting. The timber will be decked by the road contractor and will be made available to the Contractor when notified by Forest Service of location and availability. If Contractor and road contractor agree, Contractor may cut and remove right-of-way timber as part of the specified road construction.

7. PERFORMANCE BOND. Not Applicable.

8. SPECIFIED ROADS. The Forest Service has determined that the following National Forest System roads shall be constructed or paid for, in whole or in part, by the Contractor. Sufficient information to permit a prospective offeror to calculate the likely cost to be incurred for road construction is available at the Forest Supervisor's Office. See the sample contract for verification of specific details and information concerning construction specifications. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES AND INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH RELATED SPECIFICATIONS, ARE NOT GUARANTEED. The following roads are those that Forest Service considers necessary to remove the timber from this contract.

Road Number	Road Name	Traffic Service Level	Approximate Miles/Kilometers	Estimated Road Construction Cost	Type of Work *
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4150000	BENSON CREEK	B	5.42 / 8.72	\$13,407.99	R
4150180	Benzer Stew FY16	D	0.24 / 0.39	\$744.99	R
4100487	Benzer Stew FY16	D	0.19 / 0.31	\$514.01	R
4200103	Benzer Stew FY16	D	0.26 / 0.42	\$4,908.79	R
4150300-I	Benzer Stew FY16	C	0.69 / 1.11	\$812.34	R
4150300-II	Benzer Stew FY16	C	0.07 / 0.11	\$464.85	R
4100489	Benzer Stew FY16	D	0.2 / 0.32	\$546.12	R
4100425	Benzer Stew FY16	D	1.35 / 2.17	\$13,654.35	R
4100495	Benzer Stew FY16	D	0.37 / 0.6	\$1,027.94	R
4100493	C	D	0.29 / 0.47	\$1,579.56	R
4150310	CHILIWIST CUTOFF O	D	0.66 / 1.06	\$4,403.82	R
4150100	LEECHER MTN	B	0.41 / 0.66	\$1,123.96	R
4100185	LOW CHILIWIST	C	1.39 / 2.24	\$3,453.06	R
4205110	POLE PICK T.S. FY 88	D	1.45 / 2.33	\$12,700.85	R
4100760	SO SUMMIT 760	D	0.27 / 0.43	\$754.88	R
4100770	SO SUMMIT 770	D	0.13 / 0.21	\$1,196.20	R
4150400	STAGE	D	0.19 / 0.31	\$1,178.80	R
4100000.1	South Summit	C	1.22 / 1.96	\$4,798.31	R
4100400	UPPER CHILIWIST	D	0.34 / 0.55	\$1,586.66	R
4100485	W CHILIWIST	D	0.05 / 0.08	\$4,699.88	R
4100195	W FK HOOKER	C	1.07 / 1.72	\$2,985.09	R

* C = Construction

R = Reconstruction

The required specified road completion date for all roads is 08/13/2018. If provision K(T)-F(T).1.3# - Road Completion Date has different dates for projects, this is the final road completion date.

Total estimated road construction cost allowed in appraisal is \$101,573.87

An offeror qualifying as a small business concern may elect to have the Forest Service construct the specified roads listed above. Completion dates for construction apply whether construction is performed by the Contractor or by the Forest Service. If the offeror elects Forest Service construction, it is the Forest Service's intent to perform construction through CONTRACT. The Forest Service shall not award the contract unless either it receives a satisfactory road construction bid or, if it fails to receive such a bid within 90 days of tentative award, the offeror agrees to perform road construction.

If Contractor elects Forest Service construction, the total estimated public works construction cost that would be paid in addition to current contract rates is \$85,023.85. See provision K(T)-E(T).1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber in the sample contract for additional information.

The following changes will be made to the sample contract when the Forest Service constructs specified roads:

A(T)3 - Timber Designations: "Specified Road Clearing" will be changed to "Construction Clearing" K-C.3.2.3

A(T)7 - Change the title to "Permanent Roads To Be Constructed by Forest Service."

A22 or AT19 - Make the following changes in A22 or AT19:

Add K-C.3.2.3 - Construction Clearing.

Add K-E.1.2# - Amount Payable for Timber.

Add K-I.4.1 - Limitation of Performance by Other Than Contractor.

The estimated road construction cost includes the cost of road reconstruction engineering services, pursuant to Public Law 88-657, 78 Stat. 1089, 16 U.S.C. 532-537. Refer to provision K(T)-F(T).2.1.3# - Deposit for Reconstruction Engineering Services in the sample contract for additional information.

Contractor shall make a cash deposit in the amount \$25,031.42 for engineering services completed by Forest Service in preparation of this contract. The Forest Service shall complete reconstruction related engineering services on the following schedule:

NOT APPLICABLE.

9. ROAD MAINTENANCE. Contractor shall perform or pay for road maintenance work, commensurate with Contractor's use, on roads controlled by Forest Service, and used by Contractor in connection with this contract. Road maintenance requirements are based on the predicted haul route. Any change in the Contractor's actual haul route may necessitate a change in the roads to be maintained and/or in the amount of required deposit for road maintenance. Required deposits for road maintenance are listed in provision K(T)-F(T).3.2# in the sample contract. Maintenance specifications are in the sample contract.

10. INAPPLICABLE STANDARD PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. See sample contract.

12. SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS. Not Applicable.

13. LOG EXPORT AND SUBSTITUTION RESTRICTIONS. The contract requires domestic processing of included timber except for species declared to be surplus, and prohibits the use of such included timber in substitution for unprocessed private timber exported. The offeror, by signing the offer for advertised timber, certifies compliance with the applicable prohibitions against export and substitution prescribed in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, as amended (16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.) with each offer.

14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW. If the total contract value for this contract exceeds \$10 million, before award, the Forest Service shall request an equal employment opportunity compliance review of the Contractor to determine compliance with the provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and Executive Order No. 12086 of October 5, 1978.

15. AWARD. The Contracting Officer is required to make a determination of Contractor responsibility as stated in Title 36, Section 223.101, of the Code of Federal Regulations. To determine a Contractor to be responsible, a Contracting Officer must find that:

- a. The Contractor has adequate financial resources to perform the contract or the ability to obtain them;
- b. The Contractor is able to perform the contract within the contract term taking into consideration all existing contracts and Governmental business commitments;
- c. The Contractor has a satisfactory performance record on similar type contracts. A prospective Contractor that is or recently has been seriously deficient in contract performance shall be presumed not to be responsible, unless the Contracting Officer determines that the circumstances were beyond the Contractor's control and were not created through improper actions by the Contractor or affiliate, or that the Contractor has taken appropriate corrective action. Past failure to apply sufficient tenacity and perseverance to perform acceptably under a contract is strong evidence that a Contractor is not responsible. The Contracting Officer shall consider the number of contracts involved and extent of deficiency of each in making this evaluation;
- d. The Contractor has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- e. The Contractor has or is able to obtain equipment and supplies suitable for completing the requirements of the contract;
- f. The Contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that, to the best of offeror's knowledge, the offeror will meet the requirements in 36 CFR

223.101, determination of Contractor responsibility, and if awarded this contract, that offeror will complete the contract and any modifications thereof in accordance with its terms including requirements to purchase, cut, and remove included timber or forest products and complete stewardship projects by the termination date.

16. FALSE STATEMENTS ACT. Offerors, by signing the offer form, certify that they are aware that offeror is subject to the penalties prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001, Chapter 47, Fraud and False Statements (P.L. 104-45). The Act states "whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

17. DAMAGES. This contract shall be terminated for breach if: 1) Contractor fails to execute this stewardship contract or furnish a satisfactory performance bond by the date required in the award letter, if required; or 2) offeror is found to have violated the False Statements Act in making any statement or certification on the offer form including not meeting responsibility requirements, and offeror has made a false statement.

18. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION. Non-procurement debarments and suspensions are governed by the Government-wide common rules (7 CFR 3017). These rules require each contractor, to submit a certification for itself, its principals, and its affiliates when submitting an offer on stewardship contracts. The offeror must designate its status regarding debarment, suspension, and other matters as specified on the offer form. The offeror, by signing the offer, certifies this status. An explanation for not submitting a certification may be submitted. The Contracting Officer will determine whether the explanation provides sufficient reason for permitting participation in the competition. Also, as a Contractor enters into transactions with subcontractors, these subcontractors must certify their eligibility. The certification titled "Subcontractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion" must be provided to subcontractors, but completed certifications are not required to be submitted with the offer. Contractor must keep these subcontractor certification forms on file for review by the Forest Service, if requested. The certification forms and instructions for subcontractors transactions are provided as an addendum to the offer form.

19. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) REGULATIONS. Conduct of operations on this contract is subject to compliance with all OSHA requirements related to the various work activities. Inspection by OSHA may include inspection for compliance with the logging operations regulations at 29 CFR 1910.266. This standard is applicable to the entire logging industry wherever logging operations occur. Information is available to assist Contractors to ensure compliance with the logging operations regulations during conduct of this contract from the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA, 505 106th Avenue NE, Suite 302, Bellevue, Washington 98004, (425) 450-5480.

20. GENERAL. Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status For Corporate Applicants. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Forest Service office shown on page 1 of this prospectus or electronically at: <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/policy-directives-records-forms/forms-management/approved-computer-generated-forms>.

OFFEROR'S REQUIREMENTS: The offer form contains certification requirements which must be met or your offer will be declared non-responsive. Each offeror must enter their Tax Identification Number (or Social Security Number if offeror does not have a Tax ID) on the offer form in the block provided. All personal information is requested on a voluntary basis. However, if not provided, your offer will not be accepted and the sale will not be awarded to you.

EXCISE TAX: This sale is subject to the Washington State Excise Tax. For information, contact the WA State Dept. of Revenue, Olympia, WA, 800-548-8829.

CONTRACT TERMINATION: Included in the stewardship contract are standard provisions I.3.4 and I.3.5 which limit the United States liability in the event of a contract cancellation to protect endangered or sensitive species.

TIMBER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT: This sale contains an unestimated amount of Grn Bio Cv not specified in A.2 as optional removal. Utilization specifications for Grn Bio Cv material will be determined as part of the agreement to include the removal in the contract.

SLASH: This contract includes Contractor slash disposal requirements. Refer to special provision K-G.7.4.2#.

SEED COLLECTION: The Contractor will be required to pay a co-op deposit of \$0.02/TON for the cultivation and harvest of replacement

seed of native species for use on future contracts. Refer to K-G.6.0#.

PERFORMANCE: Additional security will be required of offerers who are in default disputes.

LOG HAUL: Log Haul will be prohibited on Washington Department Natural Resources Land. Refer to K-F.1.2#. Log Haul is prohibited on weekends (from Friday 6:00 p.m. until Monday 2:00 a.m.) and on Federal holidays. Refer to K-G.3.1.5#.

TIMING OF HARVEST: To prevent volume loss, Subdivisions 068 and 079 will be harvested in the first season. Subdivisions 040, 042, 048, 051, 052, 060, 061, 065, 070, 079, 091, 092, 548, 551, 560, 565, 635, 638, 639, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 655, 656, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 668, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 680, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 690, 693, 697, 698, 844, 861, 865, 866, 886, and 887 are required to be harvested during winter conditions. Subdivisions 068, 073, 080, 082, 095, 168, 568, 580, 768, and 968 are prohibited to be harvested during winter conditions. Refer to K-G.3.1.5#.

SCARIFICATION AND DECOMPACTION: Landings and temporary roads shall be scarified and decompacted with an excavator and seeded to a depth of 18 inches. Refer to K-F.1.0.1# and K-G.6.0#.

SCALING CHARGES: \$15 per load will be charged for processing scaling tickets by the Forest Service unless the Contractor elects another party to perform these services.

EQUIPMENT CLEANING: The contractor is required to clean all off-road equipment prior to bringing equipment onto the Contract Area. Refer to G.3.5.

NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES: Special Provision K-G.8.5.1 - Weight of Lost Loads (04/14) is a new provision that is part of this contract. Any load for which no weight ticket is furnished shall be considered a lost sample load with a weight equal to the weight of the heaviest load presented during the billing period. Prospective bidders are encouraged to read the provision prior to submitting price and technical proposals.

CONSOLODATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT: The award is subject to the provisions contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 P.L. No 112-74, Division E, Sections 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Complete and return the enclosed form AD-3030-FS and AD-3031-FS with signed copies of the contract.

All signs described within the TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN and SPECIFICATIONS G.3.3 SAFETY shall meet MUTCD retroreflectivity standards for operations conducted before dawn or dusk. See http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/night_visib/policy_guide/fhwasa07020/fhwasa07020.pdf.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 AM on August 3, 2016 at the Methow Valley Ranger District to discuss the contract. A field trip will follow this meeting.

The government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in offers received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Offeror, shall be further deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

The technical proposal submitted shall not exceed 30 pages.

Contractors are to disregard the following sections: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS; EVALUATION, NEGOTIATIONS, AND AWARD PROCESS; and Evaluation Criteria. Contractors are to refer to the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for instructions and information on completing Technical and Price Proposals.

LOW STUMPS: Maximum stump heights in Subdivisions 080, 082, and 580 shall be 8 inches.

Stewardship Project 005, Noxious Weed Spraying shall occur between June 1 and June 30. Refer to K-G.3.1.5#.

The successful offeror shall register in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov.

The successful offeror shall register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at www.ccr.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND PRICE PROPOSALS

(a) General Instructions. Proposals submitted shall be furnished in the following format with the numbers of copies as specified below.

(1) - The proposal must include a technical proposal and price proposal. Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one may be accomplished independently from evaluation of the other. The technical proposal must not contain reference to cost.

(2) - Offerors may, at their discretion, submit alternate proposals or proposals which deviate from the requirement; provided, that an offeror also submit a proposal for performance of the work as specified in the statement of work. Any "alternate" proposal may be considered if overall performance would be improved or not compromised, and if it is in the best interest of the Government. Alternate proposals, or deviations from any requirement of this Request for Proposal (RFP), must be clearly identified.

OR

(2) Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

(3) - The Government will evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth below.

(4) - Offerors shall submit their proposal(s) in the following format and the quantities specified:

(i.) One copy of the completed, signed offer form FS-2400-14BV or FS-2400-14BVU provided by the Forest Service for this contract.

(ii.) Three copies of the technical proposal.

(iii.) One copy of the business/cost proposal.

(b) Technical Proposal Instructions. Technical proposals will be evaluated to determine the ability of the Contractor to meet the requirements of the Government. As a minimum, the proposal must clearly provide the following: See the attached Technical Proposal Form for the Evaluation Factors and Subfactors.

EVALUATION, NEGOTIATION AND AWARD PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated and rated to determine which offerors are within a competitive range, price and other factors considered. Award may be made without further negotiations. Proposals should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms that the offeror can submit to the Government, from both price and technical standpoints. However the Government may, after evaluation of proposals, conduct further oral or written discussions as appropriate, with all offerors whose proposals are within a competitive range. Proposals that do not address one or more criteria or subfactors, may not be considered further for award.

Firms lacking a past performance record (e.g., new firms or those with no relevant experience within their organization) will be treated as an unknown performance risk, receiving a neutral score in this criteria. A neutral score will be established as the average of all other competing offerors, or the average of the total score available, whichever is less.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation factors for this contract and their relative importance are listed below in descending order of priority. All subfactors within a factor are equal in weight.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Approximate Weight</u>
A. Price	0%
B. Technical Approach	0%
1. Plan of Operations	
2. Quality Control	
3. Contract Manager and On-the-Ground Supervisor(s)	
4. Equipment	
5. Production Capability	
C. Capability and Past Performance	0%
1. Key Personnel	
2. Subcontractors	
3. Past Contacts	
D. Utilization of Local Workforce	0%
E. Other	100%

Award Statement. One award will be made to the offeror (a) whose proposal is technically acceptable and (b) whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. All technical evaluation factors (B-D), when combined, are approximately equal to price (A). The critical factor in making any technical/price trade-off is not the spread between the technical ratings, but rather the significance of that difference. The significance of the spread in ratings will be determined on the basis of what that difference might mean in terms of performance and what it would cost the Government to take advantage of it. Award may not necessarily be made for technical capabilities that would appear to exceed those needed for fulfilling the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to make cost/technical trade-offs that are in the best interest and to the advantage of the Government.

Price proposals will not be scored.

POSTAWARD DEBRIEFING OF OFFERORS

- (a) (1) An offeror, upon its written request received by the agency within 3 days after the date on which that offeror has received notification of contract award in shall be debriefed and furnished the basis for the selection decision and contract award.
- (2) To the maximum extent practicable, the debriefing should occur within 5 days after receipt of the written request.
- (3) An offeror that was notified of exclusion from the competition, but failed to submit a timely request, is not entitled to a debriefing.
- (4) (i) Untimely debriefing requests may be accommodated.
(ii) Government accommodation of a request for delayed debriefing, or any untimely debriefing request, does not automatically extend the deadlines for filing protests. Debriefings delayed could affect the timeliness of any protest filed subsequent to the debriefing.
- (b) Debriefings of successful and unsuccessful offerors may be done orally, in writing, or by any other method acceptable to the Contracting Officer.
- (c) The Contracting Officer should normally chair any debriefing session held. Individuals who conducted the evaluations shall provide support.
- (d) At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include-
 - (1) The Government's evaluation of the significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the offeror's proposal, if applicable;
 - (2) The overall evaluated cost or price (including unit prices) and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror, and past performance information on the debriefed offeror;
 - (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during the source selection;
 - (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
 - (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror; and
 - (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions about whether source selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed.
- (e) The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed offeror's proposal with those of other offerors. Moreover, the debriefing shall not reveal any information prohibited from disclosure by Federal Acquisitions Regulations 24.202 or exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) including-
 - (1) Trade secrets;
 - (2) Privileged or confidential manufacturing processes and techniques;
 - (3) Commercial and financial information that is privileged or confidential, including cost breakdowns, profit, indirect cost rates, and similar information; and
 - (4) The names of individuals providing reference information about an offeror's past performance.
- (f) An official summary of the debriefing shall be included in the contract file.

20. GENERAL

See A.4.3 or AT.4.4, and K-G.9 in the sample contract for more information.

Project #	Mandatory or Optional (M or O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	M	Pre-Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	2.20
002	M	Additional Marking to meet Prescription	Acres	810
003	M	Machine Fireline	Miles	1.7
004	O	Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	3.8
005	O	Noxious Weed Spraying	Acres	72.0
006	O	Aspen Restoration	Acres	5.75
007	O	Non-Harvest Road Decommissioning	Miles	1.63

Table of Restricted Operating Periods Applicable to Timber Removal 1/

Restriction 1/	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Winter Harvest Conditions	X	X										X
Summer Harvest Conditions						X	X	X	X	X		

1/ Refer to contract provisions K-G.4.2# and K-G.3.1.5# in the sample contract for specific requirements.

Contractors are to submit as part of their proposal the required information and number of copies indicated below;

Item Description	# of Copies
Offer Form FS-2400-14BV signed by Contractor	1
Technical Proposal	5
Price Proposal	1
Contractors are also to send an electronic copy of their Technical Proposal to the Contracting Officer by the due date and time for proposals. The email address is sfuller@fs.fed.us	1

20. GENERAL (continued)

LOGGING SYSTEMS SUMMARY- Benzer- STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT

Subdivision #	Acres	Logging System <u>1/</u>	Remarks
040	121	T	LTM
042	57	T	DxPre
048	65	T	DxPre*
051	24	T	LTM
052	206	T	LTM
060	20	T	LTM
061	8	T	LTM
065	11	T	LTM
068	92	CTL	DxPre
070	29	T	LTM
073	23	CTL	LTM
079	20	T	ITM
080	26	CTL	ITM
082	22	CTL	ITM
091	9	T	ITM
092	21	T	ITM
095	17	T	ITM
168	51	CTL	LTM
548	27	T	LTM
551	3	T	LTM
560	6	T	LTM
565	14	T	LTM
568	35	CTL	LTM
580	11	CTL	ITM

20. GENERAL (continued)

LOGGING SYSTEMS SUMMARY- Benzer- STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT

Subdivision #	Acres	Logging System 1/	Remarks
635	12	T	DxPre
638	23	T	DxPre
639	25	T	DxPre
641	27	T	LTM
642	4	T	LTM
643	6	T	LTM
644	53	T	LTM
645	21	T	DxPre
655	9	T	DxPre
656	4	T	LTM
661	28	T	DxPre
662	43	T	DxPre
663	3	T	LTM
664	56	T	LTM
665	16	T	DxPre*
666	2	T	LTM
668	26	T	LTM
673	27	T	LTM
674	97	T	DxPre
675	67	T	DxPre*
676	7	T	LTM
677	12	T	DxPre*
680	67	T	DxPre

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LOGGING SYSTEMS SUMMARY- Benzer- STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT

Subdivision #	Acres	Logging System 1/	Remarks 2/
682	50	T	DxPre
683	36	T	DxPre*
684	5	T	LTM
685	74	T	DxPre
686	20	T	DxPre
687	38	T	DxPre
690	43	T	DxPre
693	59	T	DxPre
697	46	T	DxPre*
698	30	T	LTM
768	75	CTL	LTM
844	10	T	LTM
861	5	T	LTM
865	5	T	LTM
866	4	T	LTM
886	6	T	LTM
887	52	T	DxPre
968	54	CTL	LTM

1/ T-Tractor, CTL-Cut-To-Length

2/ LTM-Leave Tree Mark, ITM-Individual Tree Mark, DxPre-Designation by Description

* Marking not Required Pre-harvest

The above listed logging system(s) were used by the Forest Service in calculating the stump-to-truck cost in the appraisal. **The above listed logging systems are not required by the contract.** However, the contractor is to describe logging systems and yarding methods that will meet the end results as part of their Technical Proposal.